

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-23 are pending, claim 11 is canceled, and claims 14-17 and 23 are withdrawn. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance for claims 3-8. In order to advance prosecution of the present application claims 1, 2, 9, 10, and 12-23 are canceled herein. After entry of the present amendment, only allowed claims 3-8 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 2, 18, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0048621 A1 to Boyd et al. ("Boyd") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,758,130 to Sargent et al. ("Sargent") and U.S. Patent No. 4,253,358 to Illy. Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, and 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Boyd. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with these rejections, claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 18-22 have been canceled in order to advance prosecution of the application. The cancellation of claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 18-22 has rendered these rejections moot.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecution of canceled and withdrawn claims 1, 2, 9-23, and any related subject matter in a properly filed continuation type application.

Since all pending claims have now been allowed, Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed to issuance.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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